

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 16-21 and 41-45. Please add new Claims 47-59. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring search requests for selected objects by a node on a peer to peer network, said network having at least two nodes, and providing a response to substantially all of such requesting nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network, said pseudonode configured to provide at least one IP address and optionally at least one client ID, said pseudonode having at least one stored object corresponding to a request objected stored at said pseudonode;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests matching said at least one of said stored objects;
 - c. acquiring a unique ID generated by any network node requesting said object matching said stored object; and
 - d. responding to substantially each node representing an ID.
2. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one of said IP and client ID is changeable upon the occurrence of a preselected event or events.
3. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein responding comprises transmitting null data to each of said nodes having an acquired ID.
4. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein said responding comprises transmitting data to each of said nodes having an acquired ID wherein said information contained in said response is data different from that requested.

5. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein said responding comprises transmitting data to each of said nodes having an acquired ID where such data is a message notifying said nodes that they are or may be violating copyright laws.
6. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein said responding comprises transmitting to each of said nodes having an acquired ID information that comprises file names that are in a form to notify said nodes having said acquired ID that it is or may be violating copyright laws.
7. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein responding comprises file name information which is the result of a search originating from at least one of said pseudonodes.
8. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claims 1 and 2 wherein responding comprises transmitting to each of said nodes having an acquired ID information that is the result of forwarding a search request to other nodes and receiving a response.
9. (Withdrawn) A pseudonode for deployment on a peer to peer network comprising an IP address and optionally at least one client ID, that is changeable upon the occurrence of a preselected event and having a list containing at least one searchable data object, said pseudonode having means for monitoring said network to receive search request therefrom and to compare each said received search with said list of data objects and to respond to such request.
10. (Withdrawn) A method for calculating statistics for search requests and responses for selected objects by a node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - e. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - f. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests and responses; and

g. using said detected requests and responses to calculate statistics.

11. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein the statistics calculated are business loss statistics.
12. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein the statistics calculated are statistics of requests or responses or both that occurred on the network.
13. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein the statistics calculated are used to provide before and after comparisons of network searches, responses, or both.
14. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein said statistics calculated are used to provide evidence or documentation for other purposes.
15. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein said statistics calculated are used to provide statistics on the file types that are shared on the network.
16. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for viewing available files on a specific node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes~~ executed by a peer to peer network node, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. ~~interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for connecting to a peer to peer network;~~
 - b. requesting a specific node upload a file associated with a file index number starting at N, where N is a real number, to said ~~pseudonode~~ peer to peer network node;
 - c. recording said specific file name that is sent; and
 - d. incrementing the file index number and repeating the request until such time as the specific node no longer responds.
17. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said method used on specific~~ further comprising determining the specific nodes thought to be

providing terrorist information or information ~~detrimental~~ detrimental to national security.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said method is used to locate~~further comprising locating copyrighted or illegal information.
19. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said method is used to build~~further comprising building profiles of users and what they have downloaded.
20. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said method is used for marketing purposes~~further comprising marketing products or services.
21. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for obtaining an IP address that will help identify a node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes~~executed by a peer to peer network node, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. ~~interposing least one pseudonode on said network configured for~~connecting to a peer to peer network;
 - b. requesting that ~~[[the]]~~a specific node upload a file associated with a file index number starting at N, where N is a real number, ~~to said pseudonode;~~ and
 - c. recording an IP address of ~~[[a]]~~the specific node that is in communication with said ~~pseudonode~~peer to peer network node.
22. (Withdrawn) A method for obtaining attribute information on nodes on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. sending at least one search request containing specific or generic terms or by forwarding on real requests from other nodes from said pseudonode; and
 - c. recording requested attribute information of those nodes that respond.

23. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein attribute information as in IP address.
24. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein attribute information is a client ID.
25. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein attribute information can be used to identify the node.
26. (Withdrawn) A method for obtaining and recording a list of searches that are occurring on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network; and
 - b. recording search requests that said pseudonode receives.
27. (Withdrawn) A method of obtaining and recording search responses that are occurring on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. forwarding search requests by nodes that are received by said pseudonode; and
 - c. recording responses that are received.
28. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring responses from a specific node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. monitoring search responses;
 - c. detecting search responses from a specific node, and
 - d. recording responses that are sent by a specific node.
29. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring search requests for selected objects by a node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes and removing responses from the network, said method comprising steps of:

- a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network, said pseudonode configured to provide at least one IP address and optionally at least one client ID and having at least one selected requested object stored at said pseudonode;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests matching said at least one of said stored objects;
 - c. forwarding said request to other nodes of the network; and
 - d. dropping and responses that are received.
30. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring search requests for selected objects by a node on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes and removing responses from the network, said method comprising the steps of:
- a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network, said pseudonode configured to provide at least one IP address and optionally at least one client ID and having at least one selected requested object stored at said pseudonode;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests matching said at least one of said stored objects;
 - c. replacing the search term within the search request with random characters;
- and
- d. forwarding said request to other nodes of the network.
31. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring search requests for objects by a node on a peer to peer network, said network having at least two nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
- a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network, said pseudonode configured to provide at least one IP address and optionally at least one client ID and
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect search requests from nodes on said peer to peer network.
32. (Withdrawn) The method set forth in claim 31 wherein said detected search requests are stored on said pseudonode.

33. (Withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 32 wherein said detected search requests detected by said pseudonode and a unique ID generated by the network node requesting said search is at least temporarily stored by said pseudonode.
34. (Withdrawn) The method set forth in claim 33 wherein said pseudonode responds to said requesting node.
35. (Withdrawn) A method for advertising on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method consisting of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests; and
 - c. responding with information that is used to advertise a product or service.
36. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said responding is in response to a specific request.
37. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying terrorist activity on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method consisting of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect requests or responses; and
 - c. data mining said detected requests or responses for terrorist information or patterns.
38. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying terrorists on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method consisting of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. having said pseudonode send a request for a specific term; and

- c. data mining said detected requests or responses for terrorist information or patterns; and
 - d. recording the client identification of the responding node.
39. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying the terrorist threat level of a node or user on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method consisting of:
- a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. having said pseudonode send a request for a specific term; and
 - c. walking the list of files of any responding node; and
 - d. making a threat determination using commonly accepted principals and methods.
40. (Withdrawn) A method for reporting which files are currently being acquired on a peer to peer network having at least two nodes, said method consisting of:
- a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect search requests that are in a filename format.
41. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of automatically collecting and recording the location of files on a peer to peer network~~executed by a peer to peer network node, said method consisting of:
- a. ~~interposing at least one pseudonode on said network configured for~~connecting to a peer to peer network;
 - b. requesting from nodes associated with a list of client IDs that they upload a file associated with a file index number starting at N, where N is a real number, to said pseudonode; and
 - c. recording said specific file name that is sent; and
 - d. automatically incrementing the file index number and repeating the request until such time as the nodes no longer responds; and
 - e. automatically recording the client identification and their responses into a data collection system.

42. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ method as set forth in Claim ~~[[7]]41~~ wherein said list is generated by recording the client identification of nodes that are responding to requests.
43. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ method as set forth in Claim ~~[[7]]41~~ wherein said list is generated by recording the client identification of nodes that are responding to a specific search request.
44. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ method as set forth in Claim ~~[[7]]41~~ wherein said list is generated by recording the client identification of nodes whose responses match a certain term.
45. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ method as set forth in Claim ~~[[7]]41~~ wherein said list is generated by recording the client identification of nodes who respond to the pseudonode when the pseudonode sends a specific request.
46. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring supplemental search requests for selected objects by a node on a peer to peer network, said network having at least two nodes, and providing a response to substantially all of such requesting nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a. interposing at least one pseudonode on said network, said pseudonode configured to provide at least one IP address and optionally at least one client ID, said pseudonode having at least one stored object corresponding to a request object stored at said pseudonode;
 - b. monitoring said network through at least one of said pseudonode to detect supplemental search requests matching at least one of said stored objects;
 - c. acquiring a unique ID generated by any network node requesting said object matching said stored object; and
 - d. responding to each node representing an ID that the request is available from the pseudonode; and

- e. transmitting invalid data to said node upon its connection to pseudonode.
47. (New) A method of operating a peer to peer network node, the method comprising:
- a) connecting to a network;
 - b) sending a request to another node for a file having a file index number of N, where N is a real number;
 - c) recording a file name corresponding to the file index number of N contained in a response from the other node;
 - d) incrementing the file index number; and
 - e) repeating steps b-d until all file names of the other node are recorded.
48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the request is a push request containing at least the following fields: a client ID of the other node, file index number, Internet Protocol (IP) address of the network node, and TCP/IP port number of the network node.
49. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein the push request is a request for an out of band direct connection over a transport network.
50. (New) The method of claim 49 wherein the transport network is the Internet.
51. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the response from the other node includes at least the following: a client ID of the other node, the file index number of N, and the file name corresponding to the file index number of N.
52. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the other node is thought to be providing terrorist information or information detrimental to national security.
53. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the request is used to locate copyrighted or illegal information.

54. (New) The method of claim 47 further comprising building profiles of users of the other node and what the users have downloaded.
55. (New) The method of claim 47 further comprising using the recordings for marketing purposes.
56. (New) A method of operating a peer to peer network node, the method comprising:
 - connecting to a network;
 - sending a request to another node for an out of band direct connection over a transport network; and
 - connecting to the other node and recording a true Internet Protocol (IP) address of the other node.
57. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein the request is a push request containing at least the following fields: a client ID of the other node, file index number, Internet Protocol (IP) address of the network node, and TCP/IP port number of the network node.
58. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein the transport network is the Internet.
59. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein the other node is thought to be providing terrorist information or information detrimental to national security.